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### THE ASSOCIATION AT STATE LIBRARY MEETINGS

**F**OLLOWING the successful precedent set by Mr A. E. Bostwick during the year of his presidency in visiting the annual meetings of the state library associations of six Mississippi Valley states (see Minnetonka Proceedings, p. 410-11) the Association has this year been represented officially at the October meetings by its vice-presidents.

Mrs H. L. Elmendorf completed the following itinerary speaking formally eleven times and taking informal part in seven additional meetings or receptions.

Illinois library association, Galesburg, Oct. 12-13.

Illinois state library school, Urbana, Oct. 14.

Missouri library association, Moberly, Oct. 15.

Nebraska library association, Hastings, Oct. 20.

Iowa library association, Cedar Rapids, Oct. 21-22.

Wisconsin library school, Madison, Oct. 27-28.

Ohio library association, Cincinnati, Nov. 4-5.

Mr N. D. C. Hodges attended the meeting of the Indiana library association at Richmond on Oct. 23rd and 24th.

The two delegates report everywhere the utmost cordiality and kindly courtesy and agree that the visits were fraught with pleasure, encouragement and profit to the visitors, while the warm expressions of

appreciation that have reached the Secretary both formally as resolutions and informally through personal letters seem to testify abundantly to similar reciprocal sentiments and to justify the action of the officers of the parent association in thus promoting closer relations with its active and important offspring.

The title of Mrs Elmendorf's formal address, delivered at each of the five state meetings was "The Things that matter; an attempt at a study in values." Her talks at the two library schools discussed book selection and the use of poetry with children.

Mr Hodges' address at Indiana was on "Library work as I have seen it."

At each meeting visited the A. L. A. ambassadors attempted both formally and informally to awaken and deepen a sense of loyalty to the larger body and to emphasize the fact that it is keenly interested in all efforts local as well as national to advance and strengthen library work. Everywhere attention was drawn to the recent active work of the A. L. A. Publishing board, its rapidly growing list of titles and their special usefulness in small and moderate sized libraries. The Association is fortunate, no less so than the various state meetings visited, in being able thus each year to enlist its strong men and women in undertaking this long and exacting journey in its behoof.